

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for initiating a collaborative computing session during a telephone call involving a plurality of users, each user having a respective computer and at least some of the users having respective advanced capability telephones, the system comprising:

telephone activation means present on a first advanced capability telephone for generating an initiate meeting request in response to an activation signal at the first advanced capability telephone; and

computer activation means present on a respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone for establishing a meeting zone for the collaborative computing session and for opening a first collaborative meeting window on the respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone.

2. The system of Claim 1 wherein the telephone activation means for issuing a join meeting request from the first advanced capability telephone to a second advanced capability telephone.

3. The system of Claim 2 wherein the computer activation means for opening at least a second collaborative meeting window on the respective computer of the user having the second advanced capability telephone.

4. The system of Claim 1 wherein the computer activation means for issuing an invite attendee request to the first advanced capability telephone, wherein the invite attendee request contains information for enabling a second collaborative meeting window to be opened on the respective computer of the user having a second advanced capability telephone.

5. The system of Claim 1 wherein the computer activation means for sending an email invitation to each of the users who do not have an advanced capability telephone.

6. The system of Claim 1 wherein establishing a meeting zone comprises:

creating an action document at the respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone; and
posting the action document to a meeting server.

7. The system of Claim 1 wherein the first advanced capability telephone comprises an Internet Protocol telephone.

8. A method for initiating a collaborative computing session during a telephone call involving a plurality of users, each user having a respective computer and at least some of the users having a respective advanced capability telephone, the method comprising:

issuing an initiate meeting request from a first advanced capability telephone to the respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone in response to an activation signal at the first advanced capability telephone;
establishing a meeting zone for the collaborative computing session; and
opening a first collaborative meeting window on the respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone.

9. The method of Claim 8 comprising issuing a join meeting request from the first advanced capability telephone to a second advanced capability telephone.

10. The method of Claim 9 comprising opening at least a second collaborative meeting window on the respective computer of the user having the second advanced capability telephone.

11. The method of Claim 8 comprising determining the email addresses for each of the users.

12. The method of Claim 8 comprising querying the user having the first advanced capability telephone for the email addresses of each of the other users.

13. The method of Claim 8 wherein establishing a meeting zone comprises:
creating an action document at the respective computer of the user having the first advanced capability telephone; and

posting the action document to a meeting server.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the action document is an XML document.

15. The method of Claim 8 comprising issuing an invite attendee request to the first advanced capability telephone, wherein the invite attendee request contains information for enabling the second collaborative meeting window to be opened on the respective computer of the user having the second advanced capability telephone.

16. The method of Claim 8 comprising sending a email invitation to each of the users who do not have an advanced capability telephone.

17. A system for initiating a collaborative computing session during a telephone call involving a plurality of users, the system comprising:

a first advanced capability telephone operable to issue an initiate meeting request in response to an activation signal at the first advanced capability telephone;

a first computer in communication with the first advanced capability telephone operable to issue a start meeting request for establishing a meeting zone for the collaborative computing session, the first computer operable to open a first collaborative meeting window for enabling a user of the first computer to participate in the collaborative computing session; and

wherein the first advanced capability telephone is operable to issue a join meeting request to a second advanced capability telephone for causing a second collaborative meeting window to be opened at a second computer for enabling a user of the second computer to participate in the collaborative computing session.

18. The system of Claim 17 comprising a meeting server in communication with first and second computers, the meeting server operable to support the collaborative computing session.

19. The system of Claim 16 wherein the first advanced capability telephone comprises an Internet Protocol telephone.